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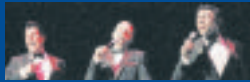


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POLICE FACE MORE CUTS

By Charles Thomson

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THE NUMBER of police officers in Essex will be lost to Government cuts, the police commissioner has warned.

Nick Alston (Con) made the statement as it was revealed Essex Police had lost more community support officers (PCSOs) than any other force in the east of England.

He said: "We will have fewer PCSOs, as we are likely to have fewer officers, staff and even police stations."

Since the formation of the coalition government, Essex Police has lost 127 PCSOs – almost 30 per cent of its overall total under the previous government.

The cut accounts for almost half of all PCSOs axed in the east of England since 2010.

A survey of surviving PCSOs by the Unison union has revealed

they 'struggle' to deal with all reported crimes due to low staff numbers.

One PCSO said: "We no longer work as a team and are left to work alone on a late evening. There is no back-up close by if anything should go wrong, so this leaves the PCSO vulnerable."

Another commented: "All of the work we have done over the last decade is unravelling and we are powerless to stop it. Morale is at rock bottom."

Unison general secretary Dave Prentis said: "Neighbourhood policing is dying on the beat. What took years to build up is being lost because of reckless Government cuts."

"PCSOs are under growing pressure. They tell us how they have to cover larger beats and more of them have to work alone, often leading them to feel vulnerable."

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VISITORS to Prittlewell Priory will be able to find something wild on the bank holiday weekend.

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With a spirit glass in one hand and a microphone in the other, he captures Martin's polished irreverence on beautifully-performed songs like 'Ain't That a Kick in the Head', 'Mambo Italiano' and 'That's Amore'.

The evening's Frank Sinatra, Stephen Rashbrook, has played Ol' Blue Eyes at the Strand, Savoy and Adelphi Theatres in the West End of London and on UK, European and US tours, while Jim Whitley, who appears as Sammy Davis Jr, has toured extensively as both Sammy and Nat King Cole. The former Manchester City international footballer has previously performed alongside Judy Carmichael at New York's famous Rainbow Rooms.

Together they combine 'swingsationally' in Rat Pack Live, which features

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Cash plot gang jailed

More cuts to police force

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"PCSOs play a key role in intelligence-gathering, tackling minor crimes and anti-social behaviour. They are a reassuring and deterring visible presence in our streets and without them crime is likely to rise."

"The Government's claims that front line policing would be protected are in tatters. The cuts on neighbourhood teams are putting public safety into jeopardy. That is why we are calling on the Government to fund and maintain neighbourhood policing teams at their 2010 level."

Essex police and crime commissioner Nick Alston said numbers had fallen and would continue to fall, owing to budget cuts stemming from the banking collapse in 2008.

He said councils could fund PCSOs if they were particularly bothered about losing them.

He said: "The chief constable has to complete analytical work before we will know how many PCSOs our county can afford and where they will be deployed. I am delighted some councils have decided to fund PCSOs. It allows communities to really invest in what they regard as a key local priority."

"I will do all I can to drive further efficiency to free resources for the front line, but I will also ensure we invest in the future."



JAIL: Tommy Aitken, Patrick Claydon and Sandra Clarke

A WOMAN from Leigh has been jailed for her part in an attempted armed robbery outside Leigh Post Office.

Sandra Clarke, 45, of Eastwood Road North, Leigh, Essex, was sentenced to seven years imprisonment for conspiracy to rob.

Also in court for his part was Tommy Aitken, 38, of Braithwaite Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Romford, who was sentenced to twelve years imprisonment for conspiracy to rob.

Patrick Claydon, 49, of Ongar Road, Brentwood, Essex, was also sentenced to fourteen and a half years imprisonment for conspiracy to rob.

All three pleaded guilty to the offence on Wednesday, April 23.

Claydon and Aitken also pleaded guilty of possession of a firearm with intent to commit and indictable offence and possession of a prohibited weapon.

Clarke additionally pleaded guilty

to possession of class A drugs.

Officers from the Flying Squad, supported by colleagues from Essex Police, made the arrests after a pre-planned operation in Leigh. At around 9.45am on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, a Post Office cash in transit van attended the Post Office, in Eastwood Road North, to make a cash delivery - Claydon and Aitken were waiting for them in a car across the road.

The court heard as the van pulled up, Claydon - dressed in a balaclava and gloves and carrying a black holdall, later found to contain a loaded shotgun - got out of the car and made his way towards the van. Officers, supported by Essex Police firearms officers, swooped and both men were arrested. Inside the car, officer discovered a stun gun and another balaclava.

Clarke, who was parked in another car a short distance away in Danescroft Drive, was also arrested. All three were charged on

Thursday, November 14, 2013.

No shots were fired and no one was injured during the operation.

The court heard a search of Claydon's home uncovered another shotgun and ammunition, while officers discovered a quantity of class A drugs after searching Clarke's address.

Detective Sergeant Scott Chimes of the Met's Flying Squad led the operation.

He said: "Our investigation revealed that Claydon, Aitken and Clarke conspired and planned to rob cash in transit custodians in Essex over a period of months in 2013. However, they were caught in the act as they tried to put their plans into action - this was due to diligent and meticulous police work."

"I am grateful for the help provided by Essex Police and the Post Office in relation to this investigation, which has resulted in three dangerous individuals being put behind bars."

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Car crashes into tree

POLICE want to speak to anyone who saw a car collide with a tree in Liffan Way, on Friday, April 25.

A blue Ford Fiesta left the road at 5.30am. The driver, a 57 year old, from Southend, was taken to the Royal London Hospital to be treated for leg, hip, chest and shoulder injuries.

PC Steve Catton said he believed the car was travelling towards the seafront and may have come from the general direction of Southchurch Road..

Anyone with information should contact PC Catton on 101.

Girl fights back

A MAN tried to rob a girl as she walked to a bus stop to get to school.

The man tried to steal her school bag around 6.50am, on Tuesday, April 22, when the 12 year old from Southend, was at the junction of Gelnmore Street and Beaufort Street.

PC Alana Ford, who is investigating the incident said the victim struggled with the man and ended up with scratches on her face.

PC Ford said: "He didn't get her bag and ran off towards Surbiton Road."

"She has described him as white and in his mid 20s and was wearing a black hooded top with the hood up."

Anybody with information or who may have witnessed the incident is asked to contact PC Ford at Southend CID on 101.

Newsagents robbed

A SEAFRONT newsagents was robbed last Thursday.

A man went into the Big News Store, in Eastern Esplanade, at 6.30am. He selected a packet of crisps from the shelves and started to look around.

As he approached the till he threatened a member of staff with something that resembled a blade and told the shopworker to hand over money.

The man left with cash and headed towards Ocean Beach bar.

He is described as white, aged in his 20s, six foot tall and was wearing a black jacket, grey hooded top, black trousers and dark trainers.

Anyone with any information should contact DC Vicky Caine at Southend on 101.

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Travel scheme gets cash boost

A SCHEME to help Southend residents travel in a more 'sustainable' way has been given a Government cash boost of £80,000.

The money will build on the popular Ideas in Motion scheme which has already helped thousands of families discover new ways of travelling around the borough without using their cars.

In the past year community organisation Turning Tides has been working with Ideas in Motion to personalise people's travel plans.

Advisers sit down with residents face to face to discuss a different way of travelling to work, school or shopping trips.

So far the team has visited nearly 13,000 homes and with the new funding they will deliver personalised travel planning advice to a 12,000 households and to 7,500 people who live along the A13 corridor connecting Leigh to Southend.

The council's group manager for strategic transport and planning policy, Paul Mathieson, said he was



FUNDING: The Ideas in Motion project has received £80,000 in funding to help people with greener travel. Picture by Mark Cleveland

delighted with the extra funding to boost the scheme.

He said: "Residents really value the

personalised approach to help them make 'sustainable' travel plans to suit their circumstances.

"The direct community engagement can also help meet other's needs too.

"In one instance, an 81 year old resident told our doorstep survey team she frequently had to wait longer than expected for a bus as she could not read the timetable at the bus stop.

"These long waits meant she would return home without making the journey at all.

"The travel planner also told the resident about Turning Tides safe houses project which delivers crime prevention advice to Southend residents aged over 60.

"The following week she received her safe houses home visit as requested, offering security and advice.

"She later wrote to us saying thank you for advice about travel and safety."

For more details about personalised travel call 01702 215000 or visit www.ideasinmotion.co.uk southend.co.uk/ideas/idea-25/

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Sainsbury's reunion

FORMER employees of Sainsbury's are being invited to reunion events.

The meet ups will be held every third Friday of the month at the Balmoral Hall, Balmoral Road, Westcliff, at 1.15pm.

People can catch up with ex colleagues over a coffee and cake and get involved in the extended programme of day trips.

For more information contact Peter Daldry on 01702 524222.

Car damaged

POLICE want to speak to a man in relation to damage to a car in Southend.

A wing mirror to a beige Nissan Qashqai was smashed at 8.20pm, on Saturday, March 15, while it was parked in Alexandra Street.

Anyone with information should call Pc Ann Bush at Southend police station on 101.

Car fire

DELAYS were caused on Progress Road on Tuesday, April 23.

Three fire crews were called to the scene of what was reported as a car fire at 5.18pm.

Fire fighters reported smoke coming from the car but no action was needed.

Man cut from car

FIREFIGHTERS had to cut a man out of a car on Friday, April 25, at 4.45am.

The man had collided with a tree off of Listan Way, Southend.

Two crews cut the driver out of the car by 6.06am and left him with the Ambulance Service.

Eight in ten school starters get first place choice

THE majority of children starting school in September have managed to get their first place option according to Southend Council.

Out of the 2,123 on time applications, 84 per cent of them received an offer of their first preference, eight per cent received their second place offer.

Only three per cent of applicants had to take the third option and five

per cent had to take an alternative offer.

Jacqui Lansley, the council's head of service with responsibility for school admissions said she was pleased that more than eight in ten pupils had received offers of the first place preference.

She said: "This is almost identical to the figures last year, but an improvement on 2012.

"We are pleased to have maintained figures in 2014, especially when you consider that we had 33 additional applications compared to this time last year.

"In 2012 we had 68 less applications, but we have increased the percentage of first choice offers by 5 per cent which really highlights the work that we do around school admissions and increasing pupil

places.

"We of course recognise that there will be disappointed families in the 16 per cent who did not receive their first choice and a small number who did not receive any of their top three.

"That is why we continue to work hard on plans to extend schools such as Thorpe Greenways and Hamstel infant and juniors to increase the number of pupil places available."

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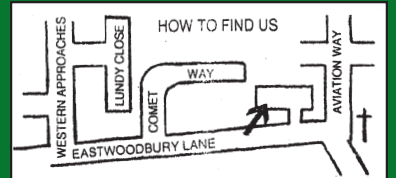
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90's Disco: YMCA staff Tom Moulton, Josh Winiberg, Jane Dolby, Johanna Wittmann and Mike Broomfield ready to step out Photo by Mark Cleveland

YMCA goes back to the 90s

THE Southend YMCA are inviting people to take a trip down memory lane to celebrate its 20th anniversary.

During the past two decades the charity has helped thousands of disadvantaged, vulnerable children get back on their feet.

To celebrate the work it is asking people to hold a special 'Back4Good' dress down Friday, which will see people dressing up in their favourite 90's clothing.

Tom Moulton, fundraiser at

YMCA suggested people set up a JustGiving page or arrange an office collection to raise funds to help youngsters.

He said: "We'd love people to join us on a trip down memory lane on Friday, May 16 for 'Back4Good' and enjoy a blast from the past to help youngsters build a better future."

"We suggest a donation of £3 per participant."

People taking part in the dress down day will also get a discounted entry fee to an event at

the Cliffs Pavilion that night.

The event called Supersonic 90s will feature classic songs from the 90s from pop, indie and grunge.

All the funds raised from the dress down day will go towards developing current supported housing at Southend YMCA. If you would like any advice on how to raise money for YMCA contact Tom on fundraising@southendymca.org.uk or call the fundraising team on 01702 301301.

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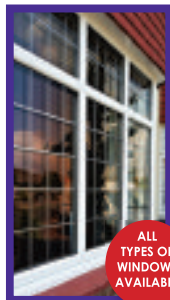
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Council appeals for people to come forward to adopt

SOUTHEND COUNCIL has renewed its appeal for more people to come forward and adopt following a television series on the subject.

The authority's own adoption experts were among those from eight councils consulted for the four part ITV series called 'Wanted: A Family of My Own.'

The programmes presented by Nicky Campbell, who was adopted as a baby, highlight the need for children who cannot stay with their own birth parents.

They also feature families who have already adopted children, or who are preparing to adopt.

Southend Council's group manager for placements and resources Diane Keens said staff had been very pleased to assist with the series which was putting adoption back in the public eye in a new way.

She said: "Adoption is a legal process which passes all responsibility for the child on to the adoptive parent or parents and the child takes their family name."

"But the most vital consideration is for those planning to take on that responsibility to do their utmost to meet the child's emotional and developmental needs."

"Some people mistakenly count themselves out of the possibility of adopting children because they think they don't meet the criteria, but they may find the opportunities wider than they realise."

"There is no upper age limit to adopting but you have to be over 21 years old."

"People often think you have to be married to adopt but this is not true."

"Having a disability does not exclude people from being adoptive parents."

"One of Southend's adoptive parents said adopting was the best thing they had ever done."

"If you are thinking about adopting, pick up the phone and speak to the adoption team."

"You will not regret it."

For more details on adoption call 01702 212938 or email adoption@southend.gov.uk.



NEW ACT: Longy with artist Liu Bolin who has worked on cover art for Longy.

Longy confirmed for Village Green

ANOTHER act has been announced for the upcoming Village Green Festival.

Southend based act Longy played last year's event and will be back this year on the main stage.

The anonymous busker has already released an EP that was recorded in a shed when he was homeless in East London.

The CD was picked up immediately and awarded Xfm Demo of the Year, resulting in a swathe of celebrity fans and a string of packed out gigs in London.

Like graffiti artist Banksy, Longy has closely guarded his real identity.

In the run up to the release of his single, Love Schizophrenia, the media have been speculating who

he is.

Tweeters have already said they believe he could be a cover for a range of acts from Kasabian to Chris Helme from the Seahorses.

Village Green will be held in Chalkwell Park, on Saturday, July 12.

To book tickets visit www.metal-culture.com.

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Arts awards

YOUNGSTERS will celebrate achieving their Metal Bronze Arts Award on Monday, May 12, at Chalkwell Hall.

Over a period of four months students studied different techniques and art forms.

Camilla Fox, Metal arts award leader said: "It's been a fantastic process and we've enjoyed every minute of it."

"We are lucky at Metal to have a constant stream of diverse artists through our doors, who have been able to present their work to a new young audience in a non educational environment."

Bishop's walk

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The walk is part of ten missionary journeys he will make this year spreading the word of God.

Bring back play

THE NSPCC is asking people in Southend to relive their childhood and make a pledge to raise money by taking part in 'Bring Back Play'.

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Escape to The Forum for a magical evening

AN escapologist who has set world records will be giving a talk about his hero Houdini and the history of magic at The Forum.

Stuart Burrell, will be talking about the illusionist and other escapologists from the past on Friday, May 9, from 7.30pm.

The 38-year-old, from Southchurch, has set records in escaping from the most handcuffs possible in one hour and in one minute.

He also got into weight training and set records for the most amount of arm curls in a minute.

His love for magic and escapology came at a young age when he found out about the tricks Houdini had performed.

He said: "I was just fascinated by him every-one else was reading comics and idolising super-heroes, but I just thought that Houdini was like a living superhero with what he could do."

Mr Burrell admits he tried to get into slight of hand magic but was no good at it so focused on escapology.

He said: "I was just gigantically rubbish at card tricks so thought I should change my ways to something I was good at and it has ended up here."

Speaking about what will be on offer to people at the talk he explained Houdini had performed in the Alexandra Yacht Club, in Southend, in 1911, so he felt it was close to everyone's heart in the town.

He said: "Houdini is one of the most famous magicians that walked the earth and the fact he has walked around Southend makes it all the more interesting."

"I will be recreating some of Houdini's tricks but I can't replicate them down to the finer details because no one knows how he actually



ESCAPOLOGY: Stuart Burrell will be holding a talk on the history of escapology bringing it up to the 21st century.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

performed them.

"There will also be archive footage of him for people to watch."

"It is not all about Houdini, though, I will be going into the history of escapology and talking about St Nicholas Owen, the patron saint of

escapology

"He managed to escape the Tower of London and arranged for two priests to escape from the tower as well."

To book tickets for the event go to www.theforumsouthend.co.uk.

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Only Fools star takes a trip to the pier

FANS of the popular television show Only Fools and Horses are in for a treat this Bank Holiday Monday when actress Sue Holderness visits the pier.

Sue, who played Boycie's wife Marlene will be on hand at the Royal Pavilion exhibition of memorabilia.

Boycie, actor John Challis, launched the exhibition on Friday, April 28.

Crowds flocked to see Boycie as well as original props, costumes and film sets.

Among items on display are the famous yellow van, costumes of characters like Grandad, Uncle Albert and Del Boy and Rodney.

The council's acting head of economy, tourism and regeneration, Scott Dolling said he was thrilled that this exhibition on the world famous Southend Pier is being so well received.

He said: "We hope fans of this hugely popular BBC TV series, Only Fools and Horses, will continue to take the opportunity to feel part of the show by seeing iconic props and costumes close at hand."

"We are very pleased to welcome Marlene, to give the closing day of the exhibition an extra boost."

The exhibition which finishes after Marlene's visit on Monday, May 5, is open on Mondays to Fridays from 10am until 5pm, and Saturdays and



ACTOR: Sue Holderness will be meeting people at the exhibition of memorabilia

Sundays from 10am until 7pm.

Entry to the exhibition costs £2 each. A family ticket of two

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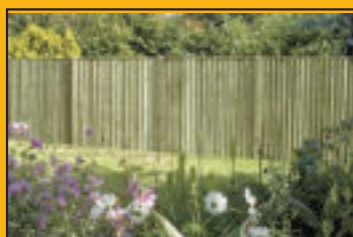
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A yacht of history set to be lost with club's demolition

WORK has begun on the demolition of one of the country's oldest yacht clubs due to subsidence.

Southend Council will be carrying out the work on Alexandra Yacht Club clubhouse, on Royal Terrace.

Sally Holland, corporate director for corporate services said the buildings issues were brought to the attention of the club following a site visit by the council.

She said: "The club has therefore taken the decision to close the building, a decision fully supported by the council.

"The authority and the club are now working together to address the urgent and long term issues.

"In the short term we are putting in place some precautionary safety measures before we have to dismantle the building in a controlled manner to maintain safety and minimise the risk of further structural deterioration.

The council is installing safety barriers and heras fencing and will be putting in place measures to protect the locally listed cupola.

"Alexandra Yacht Club carries



The Alexandra Yacht Club

important local heritage as it is the fifth oldest active sailing club in the country and therefore we are supporting the club as much as possible.

"We will also be helping as far as we can with issues such as retaining memberships and identifying potential sources of external funding for any longer term provision of the clubhouse and sailing facilities.

"The club has already made interim arrangements with the Naval and Military Club in Royal Terrace and the club's existing boat storage and launching jetty is unaffected by the issues associated with the

building so the members can still sail."

Andy Solkhon, commodore at the club, said the news was very sad and gives rise to understandable emotion.

He said: "Southend is losing part of its history.

"The best we can do as members of this much loved club is to do her proud, support her through the next journey, and do our best to ensure we continue to sail as the Alexandra Yacht Club.

"We have a full sailing programme for 2014 and an active cadet section.

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ART: Some of David Mabb's work

Renowned artist to talk about his work

AN internationally renowned painter who is exhibiting at the Focal Point Gallery will also be holding a talk about his work.

David Mabb, has exhibited all over the world and has had 27 solo exhibitions.

He has now transformed the

interior of the Focal Point Gallery, in The Forum, and will be discussing his unique way of interior design.

Joe Hill, interim director at Focal Point Gallery said people were really excited to be able to see the work of the British painter.

He said: "The work explores and combines two different aesthetics around concepts of utopia and we've had a very positive response from everyone who's seen the show."

David Mabb will talk on Wednesday, May 28, in gallery one, at 11am.

New airport route announced

A NEW route from Southend Airport to Maastricht Aachen Airport has been announced by Flybe.

The new flight to the Netherlands will start from Thursday, July 10, and are currently on sale for £34.99.

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Sander Heijmans, chief executive at Maastricht Aachen

Airport said the news of links to Southend Airport was welcome.

He said: "To have the biggest European regional carriers as a new customer for the airport is a significant development

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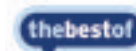
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Sky's the limit for competition winners

THE WINNERS of the *Yellow Advertiser's* space photography competition have been selected.

Launched in March to celebrate National Astronomy Week, the *YA* held the competition with Basildon space

photographer Craig Bowers, who is currently campaigning for a planetarium at Wat Tyler Country Park.

Craig said: "Thank you to all who entered the competition. It was difficult picking the winning images. It

was wonderful to see so many people showing an interest in the night sky over Essex.

"The winning images show what can be achieved using a range of equipment and a variety of techniques,

including using a top of the range telescope and a simple camera."

The winners will receive books and DVDs by well-known astronomers.

First Prize - Adam Musial

Adam snapped this winning shot at Barlinghall Creek, Southend, using a 20-second exposure on a Canon 6D.

He said: "I am always on the search for beautiful places with dark skies around Essex. It's not easy to find one as many spots are private or MoD land and it is very difficult to gain access.

"On my picture I have tried to capture the early spring Milky Way. It wasn't easy as during this time of year it is still low above the horizon and



on top of that, light pollution from Southend – which unfortunately is not in the after-midnight street light switch-off – reduced contrast between the night sky

and bright bands of the Milky Way. Lack of wind made composition of the picture even better as you can see the stars' reflections in the water."

Craig said: "This

beautiful image, achieved using only a camera and a tripod, shows how the wonders of the night sky are available to see without the need of an expensive telescope."

First runner up - Mark Sims

Mark shot this image from his back garden in Basildon, using a DSLR camera connected to a Newtonian Reflector telescope.

It shows the Pleiades star cluster, located in Taurus.

He said: "This isn't a single shot. Rather, it is a number of shots

taken on the same night and then stacked using a computer, to increase the level of detail in the photo."

Craig said: "This incredible image taken over the skies of Basildon truly shows the incredible nature of our sky at night."



Second runner up - Raymond Spencer

Raymond took this picture of the moon from his back garden in Benfleet, holding his Sony Cybershot camera up to the eyepiece of a Sky Prodigy 90 telescope.

He said: "Astronomy is something for everyone. I have a disability – multiple sclerosis – and whilst I have a telescope, anyone can see what is up there with

just a pair of binoculars and a star map."

Craig said: "This striking image highlighting the moon's Apennine mountain range, most famous as the Apollo 15 landing site, is another shining example of what can be achieved. Raymond achieved this wonderful image by simply holding a camera up to the eyepiece of his telescope."



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This departure promises not only to relive the bygone era of long distance ocean voyages, but comes nearly 70 years after the first Britons sailed from the Essex port as part of the famous £10 Poms assisted migration programme.

This post-war initiative prompted the departure of more than a million emigrants as they sought a new life Down Under, and now CMV customers will be able to follow in their footsteps as Astor sails for Fremantle near Perth.

With the sailing date set for November 5, Bonfire Night, fireworks will light up the skies as Astor cruises down the Thames and into the Channel at the start of a 9,000-mile journey southwards.

The route will take this elegant ocean liner around the Iberian Peninsula to the Canary Islands and the remote British South Atlantic territories of Ascension Island and St Helena (where Napoleon was famously



exiled) before reaching South Africa.

Passengers can soak up this country's natural beauty at Cape Town with tours of the pretty Winelands or climb Table Mountain to admire the stunning views from the top of this famous landmark.

From Durban they can go wild, quite literally, by taking a safari to see the rich game-life before encountering the exotic charms of the Indian Ocean islands of Reunion and Mauritius and subsequently arriving at Fremantle on December 13, 2014.



The ship joined CMV's fleet last autumn and spent the winter offering various sailings including a 35-night circumnavigation of the country.

The vessel is returning to Europe on a 40-night voyage that departed Fremantle for Harwich on April 1.

However, anyone tempted to jump aboard next November to escape the British winter and experience the bygone halcyon days of long distance sea travel, can enjoy relaxing in Astor's comfortable surroundings.

With a capacity for just 600 guests, stylish Astor carries less passengers than Marco Polo and Discovery, and having been built in 1987 she is the youngest too.

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The airy Waldorf Restaurant is the venue for formal meals, served in two sittings while the Übersee Club restaurant offers a stylish alternative for buffet fare, and the nautically-themed Captain's Club and dark and cosy Hanse Bar are ideal for relaxing over a cocktail.

On such long voyages, there will be plenty of activities and entertainment; opportunities for pampering time in the Wellness Centre with its indoor pool, sauna and beauty salon; and in the warm weather there is a pool, sun

terrace, sports court and walking track.

Passengers may be following in the footsteps of history, but at least they can enjoy premium comforts from a more modern era. Tilbury's links with the Antipodes date back to the turn of the century. Here are some key dates:

1886: The first to travel to Australia from the new docks were a group of four Brigidines (Missionary nuns) from Ireland. They boarded the Austral to attend a mission at the busy river port of Echuca on the Murray River in the state of Victoria.

1902: Kiwi soldiers arrive in Tilbury Docks on a special train from Aldershot at the start of their journey home to New Zealand.

1912: Immigration to Australia, emigrants wave their last goodbyes as the emigrant ship Monrovia leaves Tilbury in Essex, bound for Australia.

1912: Royal mail Ship Remuera leaves Tilbury Dock on 19 December, arriving in Wellington New Zealand on February 3 1913.

1921: Early emigrants embark Moreton Bay, the first government liner, which inaugurates a new service from Tilbury to Australia.

1928: 150 Barnados Homes children, known as "Little Empire Builders", depart Tilbury for Australia.

1932: The England Cricket team sail for Australia for the famous 1932-33 "Bodyline Tour".

1947: In April, the first group of £10 Poms departs on the SS Mooltan for Australia.

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Although news broke last week that Rosemary Conley Food & Fitness has released all 121 franchisees from their franchise agreements, due to the franchisor being insolvent, Mandy Lee is to carry on in the same format with her successful classes.

Mandy will be changing her business name to Mandy Lee Health and Fitness classes. She will still offer the same service which is Weight loss Motivational Coaching classes which include a fat burning exercise session.

Mandy has over 18 years experience in helping thousands of ladies and gents to get fitter and slimmer in her busy classes. Mandy's classes are in Southend, Thorpe Bay, Shoeburyness, Eastwood, Rochford and Rayleigh.

The classes not only help you to lose weight through a weight loss coaching service, but also include a weekly educational newsletter, personal advice and a 45 minute fat burning exercise session.

The diet was low fat and low Gi with portion control. 'Moving forward with this new business I will offer a more flexible approach to the diet and will be encouraging healthy eating, portion



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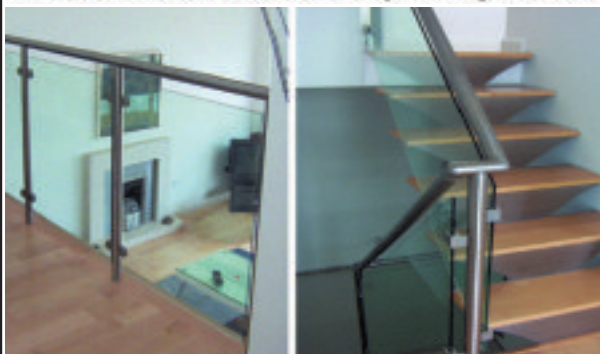
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Opinion and readers' letters

What impending disaster?

The global-warming bunch have been trying to scare us with their nonsense for more than 40 years now. Their frequent 'conferences' are supposed to serve as PR 'opportunities', though we are not supposed to notice, that thousands of these holy saviours fly around the globe (at somebody else's expense) and their glorious 'carbon footprint' - lauded to the skies - is actually a rather heavy boot! So much for restraint!

They try to frighten us with horror stories of shrivelling up in the heat, drowning in never ending floods, occasionally starving, etc. - unless of course we promise to hand over all our funds, freedoms, free will, ... and cower subserviently in the corner for good measure.

However, their 'scientific' claims 'hold no water'. Take the 'melting ice caps' ruse, for example - which by 'strange coincidence' gets a lot of press - in the northern hemisphere, in winter time, reporting about the ice melting in the southern hemisphere, during their SUMMER (and vice-versa)! But it gets worse! When water freezes at 0°C, its volume increases by about 9 per cent - which just happens to be about the same as the portion that sticks out above the water level. If the melting point is

lowered (eg. by increased pressure), the increase in volume on freezing is even greater (eg. 16.8 per cent at -20°C). What this means is, that even if all the floating ice melted, the water level would hardly change. Obviously, the warmer temperatures would cause more evaporation and subsequent rain - and a lot more moisture might actually fall on currently arid areas. So much for the 'impending disaster'

**Fred Nicholson
Westcliff**

Bible and behaviour: no relationship

The Bishop of Chelmsford appeared in these pages bemoaning the youth of today's lack of familiarity with his religion; around the same time figures were released showing that violent crime is rapidly decreasing across the country, proving that there is no relationship whatsoever between Bible studies and ethical behaviour. However it may well be that other, equally serious sins - such as the worship of graven images or the coveting of one's neighbour's ass - are on the rise: what can we as a community do to stop this slide into immorality?

My suggestion would be to close all the local youth-clubs immediately: this tactic is

already working in the case of Focus, as a number of groups that previously met there have had to relocate to churches which are of course happy to take money in exchange for the use of their church halls. In this way we can redistribute social funds to Christians while placing youths in an environment where they may be reacquainted with archaic gibberish and threats of damnation.

**Jason Pilley
Southend**

Bishop omits as much as he reveals

The Bishop of Chelmsford's answers (last week's YA) omit as much as they include. He fails to mention the inescapable need to understand the functions and products of Christianity if the major foundations and contents of European culture and many of its glorious products are to be appreciated.

The provision of such knowledge and appreciation is a fundamental part of the education process, the responsibility of both school and home, and the right of every youngster to receive. The vast number of works produced in the fields of art, architecture, music and literature during the past two thousand years - from the time of Christ until well into the

twentieth century - can hardly be properly understood outside the context of the Christian church, whose influence has been universal in western society, permeating every aspect of life, and inspiring many of our finest creations.

Whatever one's belief structures, without having a share in this knowledge base one's life would be culturally empty, a barren desert, a lonely, monotonous wilderness. As for history, so many of the principal events of the past including wars and conflicts of every kind that have affected our development, contributed to our present-day society, and control our behaviour through laws and ingrained principles have arisen from strongly held and widely practised religious beliefs.

A knowledge of the Bible is a crucial part of what young people need, today as much as in the past, if the great works of civilisation are to be fully appreciated and enjoyed and the evolution of the west is to be properly comprehended. To deny young people access to all this cultural wealth constitutes an inexcusable deprivation, a serious gap in life's curriculum.

The Bible is many, many things: if nothing else, a miracle of manufacture and a testimony to human genius, with

the King James version both the crown on the head of modern English literature and the sustenance of its deepest roots, a complex text that has proved to be an invaluable mentor and model to writers and orators for hundreds of years.

**Martin Murrell
Rayleigh**

Big clean up day a huge success

I'm writing this letter to express my thanks in public to our council officers and staff in the Street Scene Department and Cory, who once again have responded to my pleas, by helping the residents in Burdett Avenue, in co-ordinating the pick up from their Big Street Clean Day and providing the necessary tools to get the job done.

It was great to see approximately 20 residents working as a team to tackle fly tipping issues, which gave them inspiration to think about other projects that could bring residents together and improve their environment.

Both Councillor Julian Ware-Lane and I had great fun rolling up our sleeves, getting our hands dirty and answering questions from passers by. Thanks also go to the thoughtful residents who supplied much needed cups of tea when we had finished.

**Cheryl Nevin
Leigh-on-sea**

Thank you for helping me

This letter is a heartfelt 'thank you' to the two people who helped me, when I fainted at the bus bay, in Basildon, on Monday, April 14.

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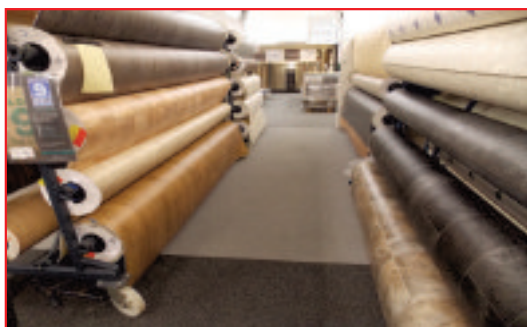
They were very caring and the appreciation I feel is beyond words. Hopefully the two people concerned will read this and know their kindness and care was outstanding.

From one very grateful citizen to two extremely caring ones.

**Mrs Hadley
Basildon**

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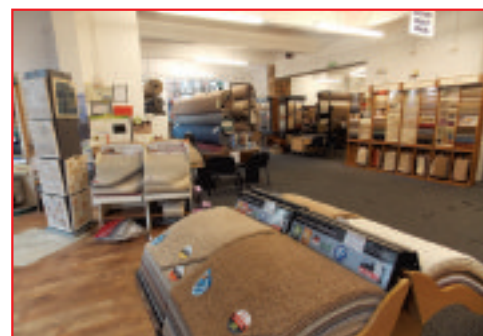
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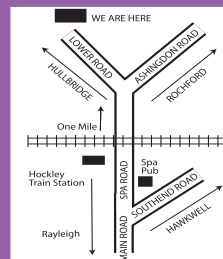
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Detective sacked for gross misconduct

ESSEX Police has refused to release details of an officer who was dismissed last week.

The 26-year-old detective constable was sacked following an internal misconduct hearing after he accessed police information to investigate a 'personal matter'.

The officer, based at the Chelmsford HQ, accessed the information in June 2013.

A panel found him guilty of 'gross misconduct'.

However, Essex Police refused to answer questions about the nature of the misconduct, such as what sort of personal matter had been investigated.

A spokesman said: "All I will say is that no other individual member of the force or member of the public was affected."

Panel chairman Mark Gilmartin, director of support services, said: "We believe that the officer's 'unlawful' access of police information was a breach of the professional

responsibilities of every police officer.

"We went on to conclude that maintaining trust and confidence in Essex Police and in individual officers is of paramount importance and, as such, dismissed him without notice."

Essex Police press office said the officer would not be prosecuted and said Mr Gilmartin may have been wrong to call

the access 'unlawful'.

The case follows news late last year that another officer was sacked after accessing police records on a 'vulnerable' victim of crime.

The officer used a police computer to look up the woman, then sent her 'sexually suggestive' messages.

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BY LIZ WADE

A GRIPPING drama and a top tribute act are providing the entertainment at local theatres this weekend.

More than a century after five women were brutally murdered on the streets of East London, the name Jack the Ripper still sends chills down the spine as a killer that was never caught.

Looking through the eyes of the commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, during the killer's reign of terror in the East End of London in 1888, award-winning production - Yours Truly, Jack the Ripper - graphically recalls the events in Whitechapel and their social and political effects.

When the commissioner resigns on the day of the last murder he recounts the

terrible weeks when East London was under a reign of fear and the world held its breath.

Using the words of actual witnesses in the case and underscored with music of the period, the production brings chillingly to life the true and terrible facts of the world's most infamous murders.

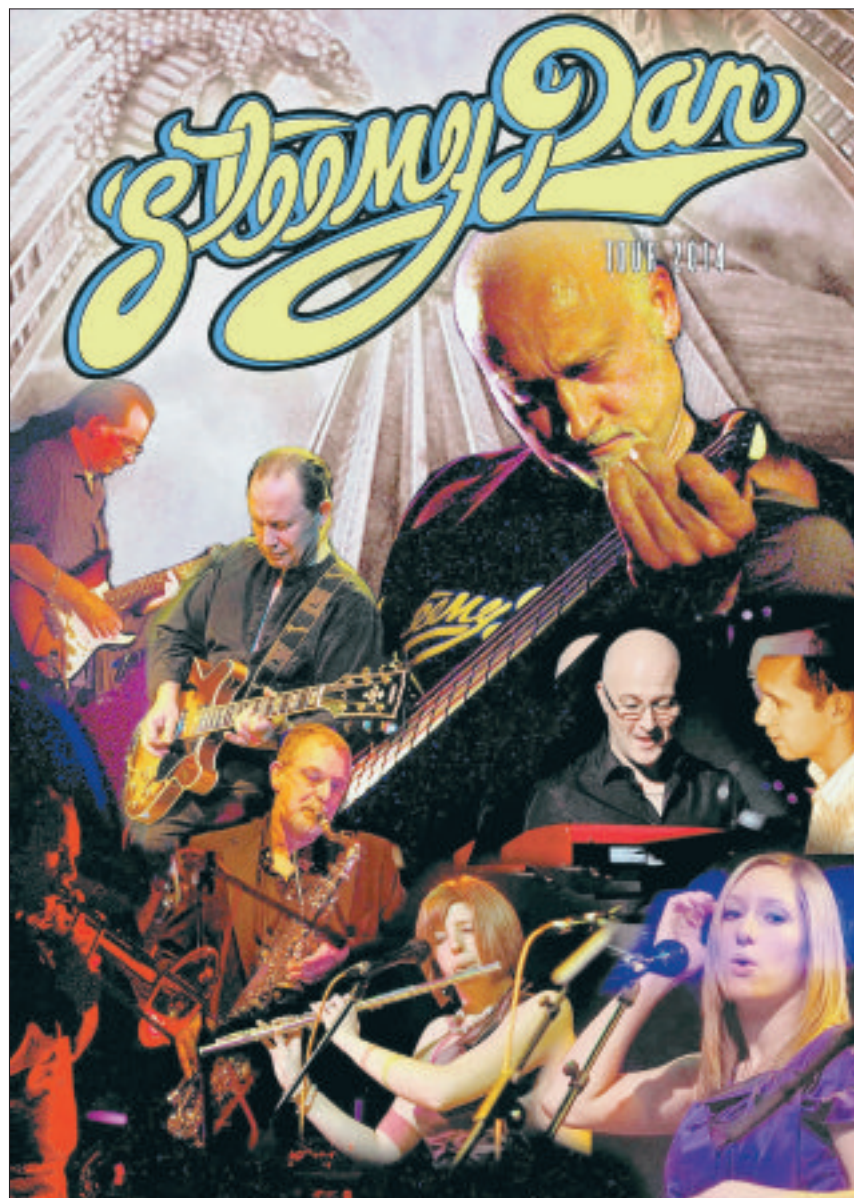
This hit play, penned by London author Patrick Prior, paints a vivid portrait of the life Londoners led during those days and the dreadful social conditions that lurked within inches of all the pomp and glory. It also centres on the often over-looked victims and the tale of their sad lives, as we know the end of their story, but little else.

It is also little known that Romford born man, George Hutchinson, is one of the people some modern

scholars believe may have somehow been involved in the tragic murders that took place in the Autumn of 1888. George was the last known person to see Mary Jane Kelly - commonly believed to be the Ripper's last victim - alive, aside from the killer of course. He gave an unbelievably precise account of her final moments with his rather 'over-formal' statement to the police reading like a play script, but was far too detailed for someone who only witnessed the incident from afar and by the light of a Victorian street lamp.

Two-man group, Isosceles, will bring Yours Truly, Jack the Ripper to the stage at Brookside Theatre on Saturday, May 3, and the play follows their previous visits to the Romford theatre with The

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B RITISH director Paul WS Anderson (Resident Evil) embraces the hoary clichés of the disaster movie with this unintentionally amusing swords and sandals epic set in the shadow of a grumbling Mount Vesuvius.

Not since the summer of 1997, when Dante's Peak and Volcano went head-to-head at the box office, has the fiery wrath of Mother Nature been unleashed with such pyrotechnic-laden fury.

Anderson certainly understands the mechanics of an outrageous action sequence and he engineers some humdingers as fiery rocks rain down on Pompeii's stricken inhabitants.

A prolonged climax expertly cuts together aerial shots of devastation with close-ups of the scantily clad cast falling victim to magma and a tsunami, systematically cutting off the various escape routes until the only option left is to run.

As the city tumbles to its corrupt foundations, the three scriptwriters insist on finding reasons for the two-dimensional characters to delay their exodus.

Consequently, one gladiatorial slave tells his pal, "I'll get the horses," and heads to the stables, which

were ready to collapse before the first rumble from Vesuvius.

A prologue set in Northern Britannia AD62 introduces a boy called Milo (Dylan Schombing), who witnesses the murder of his parents at the hands of corrupt Roman senator Corvus (Kiefer Sutherland) and sadistic henchman Proculus (Sasha Roiz).

Seventeen years later, Milo (now played by Kit Harington) has blossomed into a merciless killing machine in the gladiatorial arena.

He catches the eye of slave master Graecus (Joe Pingue), who seeks a worthy opponent for undefeated champion Atticus (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) at the forthcoming games in Pompeii.

Milo is dragged to the ill-fated city where his rock hard abs induce a lusty swoon in Cassia (Emily Browning), the daughter of wealthy merchant Severus (Jared Harris) and his wife Aurelia (Carrie-Anne Moss).

Unfortunately, Corvus has his beady eye on Cassia and the scheming senator demands her hand in marriage in return for Pompeii's rejuvenation under Emperor Titus.

As the games begin, Vesuvius erupts and Milo and Atticus use their physical prowess to escape with terrified Cassia in tow.

Fittingly, Pompeii is built on the shaky foundations of a ramshackle script that doesn't flesh out any of the characters in any sufficient detail to make us care about their fates.

Harington sports a sweat-glistened six-pack that will make gym bunnies weep with envy but he is unable to deliver any of his clunky lines with conviction.

Browning simpers while Sutherland merrily chews scenery, wolfishly telling Cassia, "Beauty like yours has no place in a holiday resort like this."

Action scenes are both thrilling and hilariously preposterous and the romantic subplot tittle Milo and Cassia falls woefully short of the sweeping tragedy of Titanic to which Anderson evidently aspires.

Released: May 2

FILM FACTS

Action/Romance. Kit Harington, Emily Browning, Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje, Jared Harris, Kiefer Sutherland, Carrie-Anne Moss, Jessica Lucas, Sasha Roiz, Joe Pingue, Dylan Schombing.
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Jack and Dan couldn't be more different

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Man Who Left The Titanic and Probably The Best Comedy Songs In The World Ever.

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Steemy Dan is led by seasoned guitarist Bob Cushing, whose long musical career has seen him perform on Radio One and BBC's Look East as well as numerous gigs in the West End and Europe.

As well as Bob on bass and lead vocals the band, who hail from Suffolk and Norfolk, include Jake Jacobs on lead guitar, David James on keyboards, Mark Reynolds on rhythm guitar and keyboards, and Martin Ward on drums. Other band members include Barry Fogg on saxophone, John Race on trumpet and Peter Edwards on trombone, and Kate Curtis and Jessica Edwards on backing vocals, percussion and flute. Enjoying enormous success in the

70s, Steely Dan were celebrated for their unique blend of jazz, rock, funk, R&B, and pop, as well as their sharp, humorous, topical lyrics. They have sold more than 30 million albums worldwide and joined the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001 after their album Two Against Nature scooped an astounding four Grammy Awards.

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Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



Great Scotney!

WHILE a cat may be the only resident that now wanders around Scotney Castle, many visitors follow it its footsteps to explore the picturesque home which boasts its own fairytale ruins.

The residence has made such an impact on visitors over the years that many of the last inhabitant's guests would produce drawings and paintings of their surroundings as parting gifts.

A large number of these can be seen on the walls of corridors, bedrooms and bathrooms in Scotney Castle, which is actually a large country home that is known as Scotney New Castle.

The house was built between 1835 and 1843 by Edward Hussey III to replace Scotney Old Castle, which was purposely left in ruins to give the gardens of the estate a romantic scene.

These ruined sandstone walls, covered in Wisteria and old English roses in the summer, still stand at the bottom of the estate's garden offering visitors a picture postcard setting to enjoy and explore.

The main house itself, designed by Anthony Salvin in an unusually restrained example of Tudor Revival architecture, was occupied

in later years by Christopher Hussey and his wife, Betty, whose wedding in 1936 included guests such as Wallis Simpson.

When Christopher died in 1970 the estate were left to the National Trust but the house itself remained out of bounds to visitors until after Betty's death in 2006 at the age of 99.

While several apartments in the castle and on the estate were let out by the Trust, with tenants including Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, who rented the Belfry flat during the 1970s and 80s as a weekend escape for her from Westminster life, it was only last year that the castle's remaining rooms were opened to the public.

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RUINS: Scotney Old Castle

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Wander down the sloping, wooded garden, bursting with rhododendrons, azaleas and kalmia, and take in the view of the old castle,

captured in stunning drawings by so many of Christopher and Betty's guests.

The castle is actually the ruins of a medieval manor house, situated on its own island on a small lake, on to which visitors are able to cross and wander around. Part of the building is still intact so you can climb up the stairs, wander around its rooms and look out at

the view from its one remaining tower.

Scotney Castle, situated in Lamberhurst, Kent, offers views of spectacular beauty and is definitely a breathtaking place to visit that is worth the 45 minute drive from the M25.

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Saturday, May 3

- Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, £2 pp, info: 01268 775328.
- Car Boot Sale, St Nicholas Church Grounds, 11am, advanced bookings, 01268 511098.
- Men2sing, In Concert with Friends-Basildon, Towngate Theatre, Basildon, in aid of Rays of Sunshine Children's Charity. Tickets £12, 01268 465465, www.towngatetheatre.co.uk. For more info www.men2sing.org.uk.
- The South East Essex Branch of Essex Society for Family History, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7JX. The Hall is open from 12.30pm when we will be available to help with family history research. Talk by Charlie Mead at 2.30pm on London Peculiar.
- Basildon Keyboard Club Concert, Ryan Edwards playing Yamaha EL900, 8pm James Hornsby School, Nicholas Lane, Basildon, £5 inc refreshments. 01268 415506.
- Yugioh Club, you can play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, there are mini tournaments, Saturdays 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new

members welcome. 01277 627043.

■ Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.

■ Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

Sunday, May 4

- Dinner Jazz with Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, 01702 345247.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides, sited by Waterside Sport Centre, Somnes Ave, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. Running every Sunday until 12th October, 2014. Open from 10.30am-4pm, choice of two railways, steam and electric locos. Adults and children £1 each ride, all welcome, weather permitting.
- The Hookley & District Horticultural Society trading hut, February through October, 10am til 12 noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School, Get on Board (No Charge) at The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, every Sunday 11am-noon, age 3-10 years. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.
- King's Church Tarpots at St Mary's Church Hall, High Road, Benfleet, every Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm, church but not as you know it. 01268 750520.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, May 5

- Jazztet with Tony Pethen saxophone/Alex Boyle Piano, Oakwood, Rayleigh Rd Eastwood, 8.30pm, 01702 512819.
- Leigh Scrabble Club, 7-10pm. All standards welcome. Welsley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
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- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Craft: 10am-12pm, Tai Chi: Whist 9.45-12.30, 10am-12pm, Art: 12.30-2.30pm, Choir: 2.30-4pm, Indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
- Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.
- Over 50's Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, Monday afternoons, further details Pat 01268 770294.
- Over 50's session, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 12.30pm-2.30pm badminton, 2pm-4pm table tennis, £3.60, includes refreshments and use of equipment, details 01268 779100.
- Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-

10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email john@basildonplayers.co.uk

- Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners' Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.

Tuesday, May 6

- Pamper and Gift Evening, Wick Community Centre, Silva Way, Wickford. All therapeutic and Beauty Treatments. Hypnotherapy, thai massage, jewellery, babies & childrens clothes, shoes, handbags, handmade goods, cupcakes, nappy cakes, shellac nails, slimming consultant plus much more. 6.30-10pm, £2.50 admission inc hot or cold drink plus raffle. 01268 572727, pampere@yahoo.co.uk.
- Eastwood Evening Ladies Club meets at the Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road, corner of Lambeth Road, Eastwood, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7.45pm. Varied programme, interesting speakers. Barbara 01702 528311/Jan 01702 529216.
- Eastwood Cockerhull Townswoman's Guild, Eastwood Community Centre, 1st Tuesday of each month, 8.45 pm. New members welcome.
- Singles Friendship club for 55' and over. Are you single and over 55? Then don't be alone come along to our friendship club and you will be sure of a friendly welcome. Every Tuesday at aThe South Benfleet Social Club with a variety of events. Maureen 01268 692998.
- Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 169 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.
- Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. We meet at the James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.
- Social Dance, 1.45pm at Cedds Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, Sequence, Latin. Friendly Group, all welcome 07767 406194.
- Evening of Clairvoyance, with Brenda Hodgson, St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
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Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ Tea Dance, Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

■ Health Walk, Salvation Army, Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet Castle Lane car park, Hadleigh, every Tuesday, details 01702 318121.

■ Scrabble Club, Hockley and Hawkwell 55+, Social Centre, Southend Road, behind the Library Main Road, every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. 01702 205910.

■ Meeting, Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, Tuesdays 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.

■ Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group meets every Tuesday and Friday, Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, wide range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm and Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, Yoga: 10-11am, Sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: 12-1pm, Line Dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, Chess: 1.30-3.30pm, Craft: 1.30-3.30. 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

Wednesday, May 7

■ Leigh Travel Club - a talk on: 'Driving to Austria' by Eileen Hammond, The Weagh Hall, 67, Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea. Doors 7.30, 7.45 start. £2 inc refreshments, info: 01702 474475.

■ Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts Society, meet at Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford. Subject: 'From fleapit to picture palace'. The lecturer will be Andrew John Davies. Visitors welcome, £5, 01702 479416/01268 771120.

■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club, The Chichester Raweth, Wickford, Helen Keating All Stars with Simon Spillet. 8-10pm, £10 on door, all welcome-meals and life bites from 6.30. 07850 607075.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, Brentwood Spiritualist Church, Primrose Hill, near multi-storey car park, Brentwood, John Shaw, 7.30pm. 07931 848023.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon, of Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, Salsa/Ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sequence Dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, Indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Haywain for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Cellidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from A Jig and a Half. 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.

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■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574390 for further details.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk

■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, every Wednesday 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.

Thursday, May 8

■ Carol's Jazz Crew at The Park View, Chalkwell Park, Westcliff-on-Sea, 01702 483900. 3rd Thursday of the month, 8-10.30pm Entry £5.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, Computer £3: 1-3.30pm, Indoor Bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, Bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, Ceramics, 1.30-3pm. £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes every Thursday at Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.

■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, 4, first 3 weeks free, details 01702 553546.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing,

admission £3. 01702 476087.

■ Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

Friday, May 9

■ Water Colour Class, every Friday, 10.15 am-12.15pm, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, Beginners, Improvers with Leigh Greetings Card, Artist Teresa Norfolk. 01702 307173.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's, Beginners Tai Chi: 10am-12pm, Darts: 2-4pm, Marquetry: 10-12, Art: 12.30-2.30pm, Snooker and Bingo everyday. £2 01268 465854.

■ Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.

■ Sequence Dancing, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.

■ Book Club, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 10-11am. 01268 465854.

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.

■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.

■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 343462.

■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.

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DINERS at The Lodge Country Inn are enjoying new menus alongside a fresh new environment thanks to a major refurbishment.

The friendly, family run business situated in the heart of Essex has been given a new look including new decor, carpets, tables and chairs, following extensive work in November.

With a large marquee, a Glass House restaurant serving a tasteful a la carte menu, an affordable bar menu packed with more than 100 different meals, comfortable hotel rooms and a traditional bar area, the venue really does have a little something for everyone.

Its fully licensed bar has an extensive drinks menu, comprising of a wide array of wines served by the glass, real ales, bottled and draught beers, while its large 120-seater restaurant boasts an appetising range of dishes to suit all tastes and requirements including a two-course special for £10.95 and three-courses for £12.95.

The Lodge's a la carte menu is also available in its stylish conservatory offering you a spacious comfortable environment to try their five star food and enjoy a wide selection on wine served by the glass. The conservatory can be booked for special occasions and set menus can be arranged to suit a range of budgets.

The venue also boasts a large garden with an extensive seating area, bouncy castles and a children's play area.

If you want to keep the children amused whilst going out and visiting family and friends for an enjoyable meal or drink this spring and summer, then look no further than The Lodge.

Its stylish marquee, situated within idyllic country surroundings, is the perfect place for a



range of special occasion for 60-200 guests, complete with a late licence until midnight. What's more, as it can now hold civil ceremonies it is the perfect place for your big day so why not call for further information.

A delicious buffet can be supplied, as well as The Lodge's very own DJ, friendly waitresses and bar staff, and experienced Wedding Planners are on hand to guide and help you arrange the wedding you have always dreamed of right down to your individual budget.

There is packed programme of Tribute Nights, Family Fun Days and other events at The Lodge this year so keep an eye out on its website so you don't miss out on all the fun.

Up-and-coming events include an appearance by psychic to the stars, Ronnie Buckingham, who will be hosting a Psychic Night at The Lodge on Wednesday, June 25. Booking is essential for the evening, which costs £19.95 per person and includes a bar meal.

Tribute Nights include Tony Vegas and his Rat Pack tribute on June 5, the one and only Simon James as Michael Bublé on July 3, a Blues Brothers tribute on October 2, and a multi-tribute comedy act with Nick Slade on November 6.

A Family Fun Weekend will be taking place over the May Bank Holiday, on Sunday and Monday, May 25 and 26, including appearances by Minnie and Mickey Mouse from 4-5pm and face painting all day on both days, as well as a Children's Karaoke from 6-8pm on Sunday and entertainment from classic 60s band, Larry and the Streamers from 3-6pm on Monday.

This is all on top of great weekly family entertainment, from Karaoke nights on Sunday and Hugh Rainey's Jazz band every Tuesday, to Music Quiz Nights every other Wednesday with the next taking place on May 14.

There's also live Friday bands with free admission and up-and-coming appearances include Arizona on Jupiter Ray on May 16, Streets Ahead on May 30, Total 80s on June 13 and Street Life on June 27. What's more, Bobby Harrison, one of the original members of Procol Harum performs live in the bar every third Thursday of the month and his next appearance will be on May 15.

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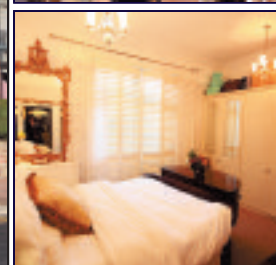
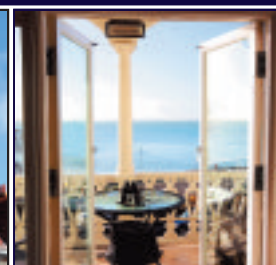
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Ashingdon

£249,995

This two bedroom semi detached chalet is situated in Ashingdon and is within easy reach of local shops, bus routes and schools. The property has a good size kitchen diner with doors opening onto the garden and a full width lounge. On the first floor are two double bedrooms and a modern white family bathroom. There is a neat rear garden with a brick built garage with a drive offering off street parking. The front garden is shingled and could provide further parking (subject to the necessary local authority planning consent).



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Ashingdon

£249,995

This two bedroom extended semi detached bungalow is situated in one of Ashingdon's most popular roads. Benefits include a good size south backing rear garden as well as a garage and off street parking. The property does require some modernisation but is offered with no onward chain and has a 24'9" lounge/diner and a 17'11" Kitchen/breakfast room.



Ashingdon

£359,995

An exceptionally well maintained four bedroom, two reception room detached family house. The property has the advantage of a modern fitted bathroom, as well as a separate shower room. Further features include a garage plus parking and a mature rear garden. Located in a popular area of Ashingdon, an early internal viewing is advised.



Hockley

£499,995

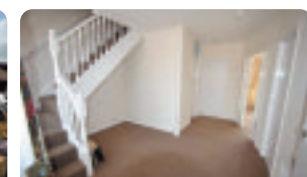
5 bed detached, close to Hockley station, local schools. benefits include a large lounge, g1 study, dining room, fitted kitchen, g1 cloakroom, utility rooms, en suite bathroom and 1st floor shower, an approximate 130ft rear garden with heated swimming pool and garage.



Rochford

£242,500

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£180,000

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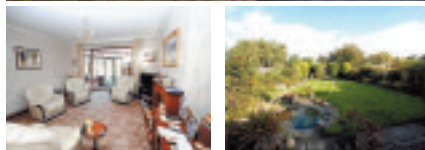
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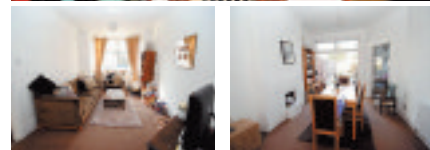
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Character Building	Double bedroom
Self contained	Lounge/kitchen
Ground floor	Large garage
Estuary views	Attractive communal garden
South facing balcony	Vacant possession

Southend On Sea £86,950

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Being situated within the Clifftown Conservation Area is this self contained first floor flat being double glazed and gas central via radiators. The property benefits from two bedrooms, one double and one single and has a bathroom with a separate wc and a kitchen/ breakfast room.

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As a seller, you naturally want your home to be seen in the best possible light. So, generally speaking, you should aim to schedule all viewings for a bright, sunny day that offers the maximum amount of natural light inside your property, as well as showing off the outside to the best effect – particularly if you have an attractive garden. Sunlight, of course, also has the added advantage of putting everyone in a good, positive mood.

As a buyer, on the other hand, you are actually much better off viewing a property on a miserable, rainy day! Why? Well firstly, it enables you to see whether the gutters leak, the drains are blocked, or the garden has an unpleasantly high water table. Secondly, if you like the place under those circumstances, you can be pretty sure that you will absolutely love it when the sun finally shines.

So far, so good – except for the fact that in this country we can't actually guarantee the kind of weather we're going to get from one moment to the next. And while sellers can to a certain extent compensate for a dull, overcast day by switching on all the lights, there's not much a buyer can do to make up for a lack of rain.

However, it's not just the weather that comes into play here. Much depends on the individual circumstances and situation of the property concerned. If you are selling a house close to a school, for example, you might want to avoid holding viewings at break times, which can be rather noisy, or "going home time," with its logjam of badly-parked 4x4s. Similarly, if your home happens to be on a major road, then it might be wise to try and schedule viewings outside rush hour.

These are not dastardly underhand tricks, incidentally – whatever the consumer lobbyists might say. If you are selling, they are just plain common sense. If you are buying, they are simply issues you need to be aware of and take into account.

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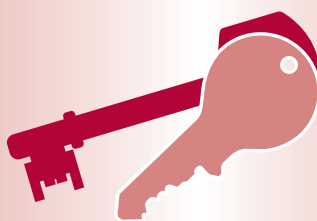
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Golf on tee for a power drive

By Mike Torpey

VOLKSWAGEN is highlighting the potential of its fiery Golf R hatchback in the shape of a 400 R concept at the Beijing motor show.

If the '400' in the name doesn't give the game away, then the body and bumper modifications and flared wheelarches offer more than a hint.

Based on the standard Golf R hatchback with its turbocharged 300PS engine and 4MOTION four-wheel drive, the show car ups the ante considerably with 400PS and an extra 70Nm of pulling power.

Developed by Volkswagen R GmbH, the arm responsible for high-power and custom projects, the R 400 uses a modified version of the 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine found in the Golf R.

And the extra punch helps propel the six-speed DSG-equipped model from 0-62 mph in a fleetingly 3.9 seconds, a second faster than its 300PS stablemate, while top speed is a governed 174mph.

The Golf R 400 weighs the same as the standard Golf R, but its appearance has been substantially altered, its body 20mm wider on each side with flared wheelarches reminiscent of those on the 1988 Rallye Golf G60.

These come painted in Silver Flake metallic and contrast with the gloss black roof and carbon door mirror caps, and the 19-inch wheels have high-gloss black inserts that act as air vanes, helping cool the braking system.

At the front, the bumper has been redesigned and there's a carbon fibre splitter and aerodynamic wing element help to push air towards the honeycomb mesh of the grille – one of many aspects influenced by motorsport.

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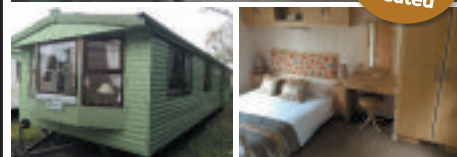
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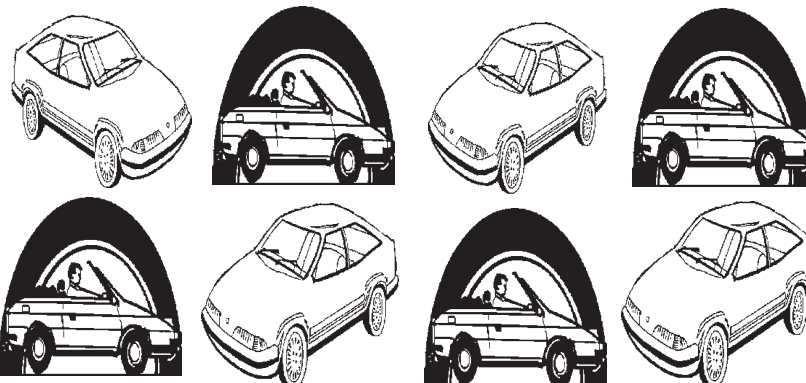
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BOSS: Jose Mourinho with the Jag F-Type R Coupe

By Mike Torpey

THE first Jaguar F-TYPE R Coupe to be built for a UK customer has been presented to the company's new UK ambassador, Chelsea football manager Jose Mourinho.

Series production of the new performance model is now underway at Jaguar's Castle Bromwich manufacturing facility and the first car was presented to the self-styled Special One by two Jaguar manufacturing employees.

The coupe, which follows the convertible version launched last year, is billed as the most dynamically capable, performance-focused production Jaguar ever and is headlined by the R version.

Complete with a 550PS 5.0-litre V8 supercharged engine, the flagship model can scorch from 0-60mph in

4.0-seconds and on to a limited top speed of 186mph.

Highlights of Mourinho's car include Stratus grey metallic exterior paint, 20-inch Gyrodyn black and diamond turned wheels with red brake calipers, panoramic glass roof and a 12-speaker Meridian surround sound system.

The Portuguese coach said: "I am very proud to now own the new F-TYPE R Coupe. It was an honour to receive this spectacular sports car from the gentlemen responsible for building it and I would like to thank the Jaguar team at Castle Bromwich for producing such a wonderful car."

Two members of the Castle Bromwich manufacturing team were invited to present the car to Mourinho.

Steven Gaut was given the opportunity in recognition of his contribution at Castle

Bromwich, and his support of local charities for whom he has raised over £60,000. He was joined in presenting the car by Plant Quality manager Gary Johnson.

The F-TYPE R Coupe joins a Jaguar product line-up which now features R or R-S-branded products across every nameplate in the model range.

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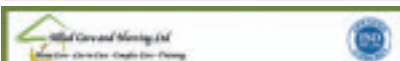
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LEYTON Orient rounded off their regular league season home campaign with a convincing victory against relegation-threatened Rovers, with the in-form Kevin Lisbie and sub, Chris Dagnall adding to their impressive tallies.

Having won 4-0 up in Merseyside back in October, the Os were looking to complete another double and should have taken a fourth minute lead when Dean Cox cut in and forced Owain Fon-Williams into a fine diving save.

From then on the game almost descended into a end-of-season kickabout and the Os comfortably contained a side still desperately needing points.

But, the Os went close on 36 minutes when Shaun Batt left his marker trailing, but with only Fon-

Williams to beat, the striker panicked and fired into the side-netting. Batt, however, had a key role in the Os' 43rd minute opener when he chested down Scott Cuthbert's header from Cox's corner and Lisbie passed the ball into the gaping goal.

Tranmere almost levelled two minutes into the second-half, but from a Max Power flag-kick, Rovers were unable to take advantage of a wild Lisbie clearance and Ryan Lowe could only help the ball into Jones's grasp.

That was the closest a poor Tranmere side got to taking anything home and had Fon Williams to thank for keeping the score down with a series of fine saves to deny Lisbie, Moses Odubajo and Dean Cox.

But, the keeper gaffed on 76 minutes when his poor clearance only fell to Dagnall and with keeper way off his line, the sub netted with an incredible piece of skill from all of 35 yards.

Then, close to the end Cox nearly made it three with a searing drive, to

leave a happy boss, Russell Slade saying: "It was another professional performance and a club record to have reached 83 points, it's a monumental effort from the lads."

"We started the game well and they had to change their formation but, importantly, we got our goal from a set-play just before half-time. Then Dagnall wraps it up with a fine finish. He's in good form, with three in four games."

Slade concluded: "It's important to go into the play-offs with a little bit of momentum. We have worked very hard this season and will be looking to progress to Wembley."

Rovers boss, John MacMahon moaned: "We were very sloppy and made some silly mistakes. We haven't dealt with these [sort of] things all season and that's why we are in the position we're in."

Goalscorer Lisbie added: "I'm back in the goals in the last home game, but the win is the most important thing and I'm glad we got it today. My goals target is always to

beat the previous season's [tally], but more importantly we're in the play-offs."

Os left-back, Gary Sawyer, is looking forward to the play-offs: "It's the first time I will have been involved. Wembley is the one place you all want to play at and I'll do anything to get there. We are not bothered who we are playing as everyone has got there [to the play-offs] on their own merits. I genuinely believe we can beat anyone."

■ Orient travel to MK Dons this Saturday (kick-off 3pm).

LEYTON ORIENT: Jamie Jones, Moses Odubajo, Scott Cuthbert, Nathan Clarke (captain), Gary Sawyer, Shaun Batt (Lloyd James 75) Romain Vincelot, John Lundstram (Jamie Ness), Dean Cox, David Mooney, Kevin Lisbie (Chris Dagnall 70). Subs (not used): Jake Larkins (gk), Yohann Lasimant, Robbie Simpson, Jake Larkins (gk), Johnny Gorman.

TRANMERE ROVERS: Owain Fon-Williams, Danny Holmes, Ash Taylor, Matthew Pennington, Liam Ridehalgh, Junior Brown, Steve Jennings, Max Power, Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro (James Rowe 46), Ryan Lowe, Jake Cassidy (Jake Kirby 46). Subs (not used): Ian Goodison, Cole Stockton, Jason Koumas, Stephen Arthurworey, Jason Mooney.

Football

Rovers are champions

Non-league round up by Brian Jeeves
GOALS from Jay Nash (2), Billy Johnson and Lewis Sparrow ensured that Great Wakering Rovers finally clinched the Essex Senior League title with a resounding 4-1 success at a depleted Basildon United. Greg Akpele grabbed a consolation for the Bees in front of an impressive Gardiners Close crowd of 216.

Elsewhere in the ESL there was an even bigger turn out at the Old Spotted Dog where Clapton completed an impressive campaign under the guidance of Chris Woods. On this occasion visitors FC Romania ran out 3-1 winners with 247 in attendance.

Both Enfield 1893 and Haringey Borough completed an excellent campaign with 3-0 victories. Enfield saw off Sawbridgeworth while Borough beat Takeley.

Tower Hamlets eased to a three goal win over Stansted and Eton Manor were also 3-0 winners, London Bari were their victims. There was a ding-dong battle at Lower Road where Hullbridge Sports edged out Bowers & Pitsea 3-2, while Rob O'Brien's tenth minute penalty was enough to see Barking home in a big derby at Cricklefield Stadium against Ilford.

It was a disappointing end to the season for our Skril Conference South clubs. Concord Rangers conceded two late goals from Adam Connolly and Ross Stearn as visitors Bath City ran out 2-0 winners at the Aspect Arena, while Chelmsford City went down by the same score at Weston-Super-Mare, Grubb and Ash scoring either side of half time for the hosts.

In the Ryman Premier Division there were celebrations for East Thurrock United who beat the drop with an entertaining 4-2 win over Bognor Regis Town.

A single goal from Chris Bourne was enough to give AFC Hornchurch the points against Metropolitan Police and clinch a play-off place, but there was little cheer for the region's other Premier clubs. Billericay Town were thrashed 5-0 at relegation haunted Wingate & Finchley and Canvey Island went down 2-0 against an impressive Wealdstone outfit.

Grays Athletic gave Maidstone United a mighty scare in front of a bumper 1,984 crowd but finally succumb by the odd goal in three.

Plenty of goals in the Ryman North. Aveley saw off Waltham Abbey by four goals to two, and there were wins for Maldon & Tiptree, 2-1 against Ware, and Heybridge Swifts, 6-1 over Redbridge. Piers Wixon and Danny Aldwinckle secured Tilbury a 2-1 derby triumph at Thurrock.

Burnham Ramblers fought out a goalless draw at Dereham Town and there was a point gained by Witham Town, 1-1 at Cheshunt. However, it was an afternoon to forget for Romford and Barking-side. Romford crashed 6-0 at VCD Athletic while Barkingside lost 5-0 at home to AFC Sudbury.

Waltham Forest went down 3-1 at home to Soham Town Rangers and Brentwood Town completed an indifferent day for out clubs, slipping to a 2-0 defeat at home to Harlow Town.

Victory for Town

Football

**Romford 2
Brentwood Town 3**
ROMFORD suffered defeat to Brentwood Town in their last home game of the season.

With little to play for Romford started sluggishly and conceded after 11 minutes when Jacob Cleaver raced through and shot home.

Three minutes later and a good save by Atu Ngoy kept the score at one before the big stopper was nearly caught off his line with a lob, but he did well to back track and tip it wide.

The host's shots were in more danger of damaging the cars outside than hitting the back of the net and right on half time Alex Akrofi turned his marker and placed the ball in the bottom corner to make it two for Brentwood.

Romford's management must have given the team a stern telling off during the break as they looked much better in the second half and quickly reduced the deficit.

Joe Oates crossed in a free kick that found Nick

Reynolds who headed home via a deflection on 51 minutes.

Then David Otley managed to clear a Brentwood chance off the line and a long ball forward found Reynolds who took the ball past the keeper before being felled.

Oates stepped up to take the spot kick but hit a weak effort that was easily saved. That miss knocked the stuffing out of Romford and denied the crowd a thrilling finale as Akrofi raced through to grab his second and Brentwood's third on 83 minutes.

There was still time for Jamie Dicks to grab his first goal of the season, powering a shot through a crowded penalty area in stoppage time but the Boro could not create another chance to grab the equaliser.

The team certainly did not do themselves justice in this game but were still applauded off by the home crowd in appreciation for what has been another great season, punching well above their weight against many opponents with far greater resources.

Club celebrates season's best

Hockey

LAST Saturday Brentwood Hockey Club held their annual fun day and presentation evening.

The day started with players from all teams mixed together with junior members to play small sided friendly mixed games. Over 50 members, parents and spectators turned out to enjoy an afternoon of hockey and fun in the sunshine.

A BBQ at the hockey club was then followed by the presentation evening when the club celebrated the achievements of the teams and the individuals who have stood out.

In addition to the player of the season awards for senior and junior members, this year the hockey club, for the first time, also awarded two Jack Petchey Awards to youngsters who have stood out this season. The first girl to receive the award was Ellie Wilson. A very keen individual Ellie has continually performed well at training and tournaments for her age group. She has attended the county Junior Development Centre and is a qualified junior umpire, umpiring at numerous Essex Mini Hockey Tournaments.

The second recipient was George Cobb, an U18 goalkeeper and junior umpire, who won the award in recognition



of his assistance with minis coaching and junior playing and social events throughout the season. An ever present at minis training on Sunday's, George is a very dedicated and popular young man who coaches and plays the game with infectious enthusiasm that brings the best out of the youngsters around him.

The hockey season has now finished but the Brentwood Ladies summer league will be commencing at the end of May and the club are always seeking new members of all ages and abilities.

For more information please visit:
<http://www.pitchero.com/club>

s/brentwoodhockeyclub/.

■ On Thursday Brentwood Hockey Club will be welcoming a team from Gibraltar, ahead of attending the Sevenoaks vets festival. Brentwood Hockey Club travel to Gibraltar every other year to play hockey in the sunshine and are delighted to be host this time round for two games, a mixed game with the Brentwood Ladies and a vets game against the Brentwood men. The visiting side will include the Gibraltarian Olympic umpire Nathan Stagno, who will be enjoying a rare playing appearance on pitch ahead of umpiring at the Hockey World Cup in May.

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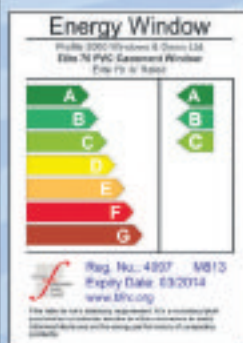


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